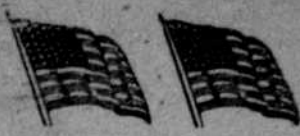




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COAL CONFERENCE MAKES PROGRESS

Operators Offer Advance Which Miners Take Under Advice—The Miners May Back Down.

Washington, Nov. 20.—Though operators and miners of central competitive fields remained deadlocked all today in their negotiations for a new wage scale contract, prospects for an agreement that would settle the coal strike were considered brighter tonight than at any other time since the strike was called.

The operators offered to the miners representatives a flat increase of 15 cents a ton on coal mined and 20 per cent increase for day workers. John L. Lewis, acting president of the mine workers of America, outwardly stamped the concession as wholly inadequate, but both sides plainly took the offer as a breaking of the ice and an opening for trading tomorrow.

Meanwhile, the government continued to hold hands off, and Fuel Administrator Garfield took no steps openly to ration or restrict coal consumption.

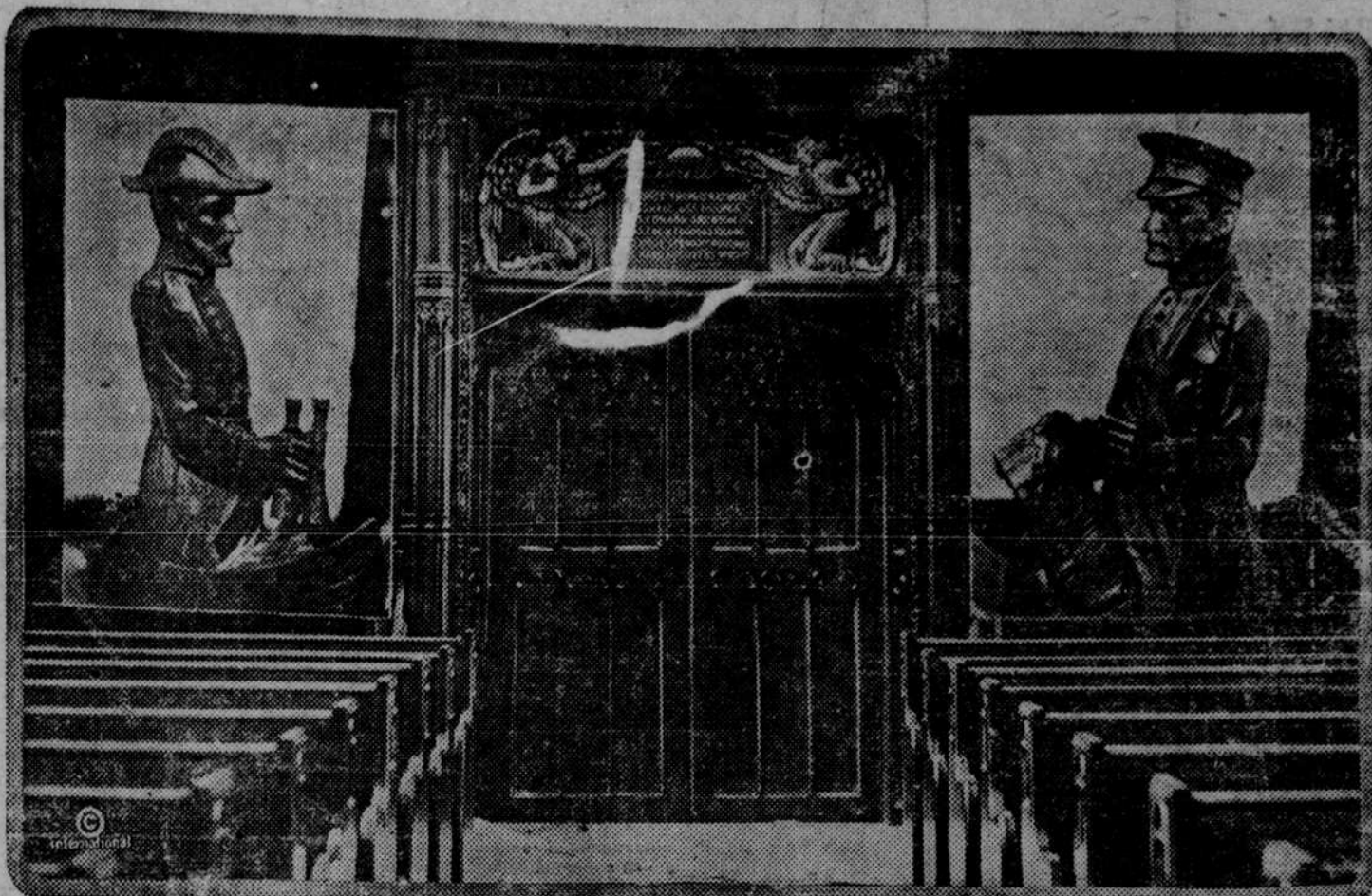
President Lewis of the mine workers, after the close of the long session today, said he considered that the operators' proposal had "contributed nothing to the settlement of the difficulties," but at the same time indicated that miners were preparing to come down a degree in their demands for a six hour day and a sixty per cent increase.

"The operators are proposing something that they know can't be accepted," he said. "The increase they would give they simultaneously arrange to take back in increased charges to miners for supplies. Then they haven't talked the question of hours at all. It is not necessary to take up the six hour proposal. We have many of our men who work nine and ten hours a day under present conditions, because the present eight hour day in many mines is merely a basic theory and not an actual fact."

The proposed wage advances are the maximum to be offered, W. T. Guthrie, member of the operators' wage scale committee, representing western Pennsylvania, and George B. Harrington of Illinois, spokesman for the operators, said. Failure on the part of the miners to accept the proposition would mean mediation by the government, Guthrie said.

They estimated that the price of coal at the time it leaves the mines would be increased from 32 to 40 cents a ton as a result of the offered advances, but declined to speculate as

UNIQUE MEMORIAL TO HEROES OF THE GREAT WAR



This unique memorial and honor roll of the six men who died in the world war and the 49 men from the church who were in the service was recently dedicated in pretty little Trinity church, Newton Centre, Mass. The memorial covers the entire rear wall of the church and is carved from oak. At the sides are figures of General Pershing and Admiral Sims.

THE WEATHER

Friday and Saturday generally fair, little change in temperature.

Maximum 67
Minimum 42

to how much might be added by middlemen before the coal reached the consumer.

The position taken by the operators' representatives was that their offer was strictly in line with the statements of Secretary of Labor Wilson, and Fuel Administrator Garfield.

Little Rock, Nov. 21.—R. R. Thompson, president of Crescent College, has written to Gov. C. H. Brough stating that unless some relief is offered before the end of the week that not only Crescent College will be in darkness, but the entire town of Eureka Springs because of lack of coal for the light plant. President Thompson states that there is ample slack coal at the Sebastian county mines, if it is loaded on empty cars which are at the mines. This statement is borne out by the operators of that district, and Gov. Brough is now endeavoring to find a way to supply Eureka and other points which will soon be suffering with cold.

FARMERS UNION CLOSES SESSIONS

Is Opposed to Universal Training and Advocates Advanced Legislation—Improved Farm Loans.

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 20.—The Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America, at the closing session of its annual convention here today, went on record as opposed to universal military training, urged that the federal farm loan act be amended to permit loans to farmers who do not own land as well as to land owners and proposed that only a practical working farmer be appointed to the office of secretary of agriculture.

Other resolutions adopted at the final session of the convention urged vigorous enforcement of all federal laws to prevent immigration of undesirable aliens and immediate deportation of "all aliens seeking to overthrow our government;" favored continuation of the "highest rates" of taxes levied during the war on incomes, corporations and excess profits until the full cost of the war is paid and the levying of a tax on land and other natural resources held for speculative purposes, and advocating adoption of a policy of reclamation of waste lands throughout the country.

It was recommended also that congress appropriate sufficient funds to put into operation the nitrate plant at Muscle Shoals for production of fertilizer. In the amendment asked for the farm loan act it was urged that the maximum of loans permitted be increased from 50 per cent of the assessed valuation of the land to 75 per cent, and that the maximum annual payments on loans, including amortization, be fixed at five per cent.

The Kenyon-Anderson bill, intended to correct alleged abuses in connection with the meat packing industry, and the Capper-Harshman bill to give farmers the right to conduct collective bargaining associations were approved.

The convention adjourned early tonight, leaving in the hands of the board of directors selection of the next meeting place.

Charles S. Barrett of Union City, Georgia, who was re-elected president at last night's session, tonight entered his fifteenth consecutive term in that office.

We are expecting another advance on Valley Lumber Company lands after first of the year. Now is the time to get in on the present prices. Moore & Martin. 11-3-tf

WANTED—25 or 30 calves. Highest price paid. A. G. Stuart. 19d2

ANOTHER DIGEST OF THE STATUTES OF ARKANSAS

Little Rock, Nov. 21.—Shawl straps will be necessary to remove from the state capitol the digest of the statutes of Arkansas which is now being prepared by T. B. Crawford and Hamilton Moses, for the volume is to contain 3500 pages. The work of compilation will be completed within forty days, and a system of checking is being employed which is expected to prevent error, as well as simplify the statutes in many particulars. The digesters have referred to the departments of education, banking, insurance and accounting, the statutes affecting these subjects. The heads of the departments have checked them thoroughly and assisted in the arrangement so that even the novice will have no trouble of finding what he desires in the digest. C. C. Reid is the attorney appointed to check the digest, and his work will be completed very soon after that of the compilers, so the digest will probably be on the market in the early spring.

APPLES, APPLES

A fresh car of apples, including the Black Twig and a variety of eating apples, has been received. Also apples for canning, cooking and preserving. If you will look my stock over, you will buy. L. E. Mullins, the apple man, West Main street. 18d6

WILL NOT LIFT PROHIBITION BAN

President Sends Word That the Peace Treaty Must Be Signed First—Is Before the Supreme Court.

Washington, Nov. 20.—While the supreme court was hearing argument today on validity of the war time prohibition act, word went out from the White House that President Wilson will not rescind the "dry" act until peace formally had been declared.

This was expected to set at rest the ever-recurring rumors that the "dry" ban would be lifted, by the president irrespective of early ratification of the treaty of Versailles. Failure of the Senate to act on the treaty at the extraordinary session was regarded by many administration officials as precluding the ending of the technical state of war much before the constitutional prohibition amendment became effective next January 16.

Should such prove the case, the only possibility of a "wet" Christmas would be for the supreme court to declare the war time act unconstitutional. Arguments on the pending cases will be concluded tomorrow, but as the court begins a recess on Monday, no decision is expected until it reconvenes December 8.

The right of congress to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors was sharply attacked and vigorously defended during the arguments.

Elihu Root and others contended that the war time act and the Volstead enforcement measure not only violated the fifth constitutional amendment, prohibiting the taking of property without just compensation, but were inoperative owing to the cessation of hostilities and the demobilization of the army, which were responsible for their enactment.

Solicitor General King and William L. Frierson, assistant attorney general for the government, however, argued that a state of war still existed, and it was congress' intent to provide war time prohibition until the peace treaty was ratified.

The arguments, which will be concluded tomorrow, were in appeals brought to the supreme court from Kentucky, where the war time prohibition act was declared unconstitutional, and from New York, where federal court decrees sustained both the war time and the enforcement acts and dismissed injunction proceedings sought to enable Dryfoos, Blum and Company, to remove whiskey from bond, and Jacob Ruppert, a brewer to manufacture beer containing more than one half of one per cent alcohol.

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